

[Sri P. Kakkan] [10th August 1963]

those who do not conform to the Statutory prices fixed for the sale of sugar the scope for blackmarketing has been considerably reduced.

The quota for Madras State has been fixed as 11,000 tons per month. Till the 16th of July 1963, the Government of India were releasing quotas on a monthly basis. But now the systems of monthly allocation has been changed and the Government of India have indicated releases for the next four months up to the end of October, including a special allotment of 1,100 tons for Deepavali. The allotment made by the Government of India at 11,000 tons per month does not fully represent the present level of consumption in the State. It is based upon the offtake during the previous control period with some adjustment, taking into consideration the supplies available during the current sugar year. The offtake in Madras State at the present level of consumption is in excess of 1,30,000 tons and will probably be as much as 1,45,000 tons per year. The ten factories in Madras State including the defunct mill at Melpatti can produce if seasonal conditions and cane supplies are normal, about 1,20,000 tons. The State is therefore deficient in sugar production and to maintain the present level of consumption it is necessary to import sugar from other States. Even for the 11,000 tons allotted by the Government of India, some quantity has to be obtained from Andhra factories to make up for the deficit in sugar production in the local factories. But it is expected that with the new sugar factory being commissioned at Mohanur in Salem district and the expansion of the Pugalur Factory, the level of production of the local factories would go up to 1,40,000 tons during 1963-64. But this is only a tentative target based on the assumption that cane production would be normal, seasonal conditions will be good and there will be no large scale diversion of cane for the manufacture of jaggery. During the current year the factories had to face the abnormal situation of restricted supplies due to diversion of cane for jaggery manufacture even by growers who have been traditionally supplying cane to the factories. The sugar production in Madras Factories during 1961-62 was of the order of 1,15,000 tonnes up to the end of February 1963 during the current sugar year the factories have produced about 86,000 tonnes of sugar.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS BUILDINGS (LEASE AND RENT CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL, 1963.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I move—

“That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1963.”

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

“That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1963.”

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

IV.—ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEES.

(1) COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

“ That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate five Members of the Council to associate with the Committee on Estimates of this House for the year 1963-64 and communicate to this House the names of the Members so nominated.”

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

“ That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate five Members of the Council to associate with the Committee on Estimates of this House for the year 1963-64 and communicate to this House the names of the Members so nominated.”

The motion was put and carried.

(2) COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

“ That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate five Members of the Council to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of this House for the year 1963-64 and communicate to this House the names of the Members so nominated.”

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

“ That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate five Members of the Council to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of this House for the year 1963-64 and communicate to this House the names of the Members so nominated.”

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE TO THE MADRAS MOTOR VEHICLES (TAXATION OF PASSENGERS AND GOODS) ACT, 1952 (MADRAS ACT XVI OF 1952).

* THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

“ That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Governor of Madras under sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952 (Madras Act XVI of 1952) amending the Schedule to the said Act, be approved.